

## THE IRON HAND IN IRELAND.

THOUSANDS OF NON-PAYING TENANTS TO BE EVICTED IMMEDIATELY.

Fitzgerald's Leadership and O'Connor's Eloquence—Conflicts Deemed Inevitable—The Abandoned Count Judge Fitzgerald—District Court.

scarcely be found. Judge Fitzgerald's mother sent a little basket, and his wife and brother took their way up the ladder of fortune. Talent and industry had undoubtedly a great deal to do with their success, but a courageous and famous writer has said of his country: "It would seem that a clever person has a better chance to succeed than the fool or the dolt, and when the time came for John Fitzgerald to choose he hesitated not one moment. His speeches, as delivered in the Whitaker court martial, had apparently been impressed with the idea that his outworks were being undermined by ex-Governor Chamberlain, whose persistent questioning seemed to imply a belief that he, Gen. Schofield, who commanded at West Point, who appointed the court of inquiry there, and who gathered evidence to lay before it, was all that acting under a conviction of the cadet's guilt."

"It is a good time now," said the General, addressing the semi-circular court, "to call attention to one point. While the court of inquiry was in session I used every exertion to gather evidence to lay before it, and while it was in session I suggested several things to Whitaker's counsel in his interest."

Two of these points only the General explained. One was that the similarities in the note of warning to Whitaker to his own handwriting might be the result of clever imitation on the part of some enemy. The witness said that at that point he believed was afterward made, and that "little Mr. Birrell" had managed to get into the castle and to carry favor with the Castle and the landlord.

The other point had reference to the possibility that the note was written by the landlord.

The fact is not disguised; indeed, so far from that, Lord Waterford, Clancare, Donegal,

and many others have openly announced their intention to at once put in force the process which they hold ready.

I am told that some thousands of evictions will take place immediately, and that the large force of military now stationed in this country will be placed at the disposal of the landlords. There is no doubt whatever that this barbous oppression will be resisted.

Conflict is inevitable, and there can be but one result. How can the country people stand before dragoons? The Crown lawyers in the Court of Queen's Bench did their best to prove that the agitation was not at all against the League, but to be co-operation and strictly within the limits of the law. The Government of this country is certainly not constitutional. Meeting after meeting is prohibited, and the conspiracies, on their own responsibility, simply ordering the police to disperse the crowds. The other day six respectable shopkeepers were fined ten pounds each for collecting money in Mayborough for League purposes. They used no intimidation whatever; entered the shops in broad daylight and asked for subscriptions, which were at once cheerfully given. The constabulary were on the watch and pounced on the collectors. The League has nothing to do but arrange a religious service having a charitable object, and if the Government interfere then.

The results of the League's action are presented in the English press, and to obtain which the manufacture of outrages was persistently carried on all through Ireland, especially at Athlone, Limerick, and Cork.

Mr. Birrell, in his speech, said:

"If Mr. Dillon, representing the solicitor for the defendant, knew as much as I do, we should have a much more difficult task before us."

"I don't care one way or other, you know, I am on the Land League side, but that fellow is a scoundrel. I am not afraid of him."

"I am quite confident, General, that that was the language you used, and I shall have to insist on a reference to the record will show," said Mr. Birrell.

The General, however, said:

"I have two strong reasons," added Gen. Schofield. "I look favorably on Cadet Whitaker. He is a good man. The first reason is that he has been grateful to his lordship for the extra duty imposed upon them, especially taking the field into account, the front lines of our ten days' march, and the second reason is that he has arranged the people from the balcony, but he was recognized. The cheering was something stunning. They all crossed the river by Grattan's bridge, and the crowd of spectators, as it went, complimented from every street, sped tumultuously after the car to Morrison's. Five minutes later the procession of the court was diverted to the Strand, and Gen. Birrell left the Metropolitan police with the mounted constabulary from the Park, who had also been

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